

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A cigarette comprising a tobacco rod, a cigarette paper/wrapper for the tobacco rod, and optionally a filter, wherein at least one of the tobacco rod, the cigarette paper/wrapper and the filter comprise ceria/zirconia fibres.
2. (Original) The cigarette of claim 1, wherein the ceria/zirconia fibres are porous.
3. (Original) The cigarette of claim 1, wherein the ceria/zirconia fibres have a surface area in the range of about 1 to about 200 m<sup>2</sup>/g.
4. (Original) The cigarette of claim 1, wherein the ceria/zirconia fibres have a surface area less than about 1 m<sup>2</sup>/g.
5. (Original) The cigarette of claim 1, wherein the cigarette paper/wrapper comprises porous ceria/zirconia fibres.
6. (Original) The cigarette of claim 1, wherein the cigarette paper/wrapper comprises ceria/zirconia fibres having a surface area greater than about 20 m<sup>2</sup>/g.
7. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of claim 5 [[or 6]], wherein the cigarette paper/wrapper reduces sidestream smoke, the cigarette paper/wrapper comprising a sidestream smoke reducing composition and the ceria/zirconia fibres.
8. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of ~~any one of claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7~~ claim 1, wherein the ceria/zirconia fibres are made by fiberizing an aqueous solution of a

zirconium compound, ceria and a crystalline, colloidal zirconia sol; and heating the ceria/zirconia fibres to a temperature less than about 1100°C.

9. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1,  
5 wherein the ceria/zirconia fibres comprise up to about 50% by weight ceria.

10. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1,  
wherein the tobacco rod comprises about 1 to about 15% by weight of the ceria/zirconia  
fibres.  
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11. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1  
comprises the filter.

12. (Original) The cigarette of claim 11, wherein the filter comprises the  
15 ceria/zirconia fibres.

13. (Original) The cigarette of claim 12, wherein a cavity defined in the filter  
comprises the ceria/zirconia fibres.

20 14. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of claim 12 [[or 13]], wherein the filter  
comprises the ceria/zirconia fibres and conventional fibres.

15. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1,  
wherein the cigarette paper/wrapper comprises the ceria/zirconia fibres and conventional  
25 cigarette paper/wrapper fibres.

16. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein the cigarette paper/wrapper comprises up to 65% by weight of the ceria/zirconia fibres and at least 35% by weight of a conventional cigarette paper/wrapper filler and/or conventional cigarette paper/wrapper fibres.

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17. (Original) The cigarette of claim 16, wherein the cigarette paper/wrapper comprises about 30 to about 40% by weight of the ceria/zirconia fibres, about 30 to about 40% by weight of the conventional cigarette paper/wrapper fibres and about 20 to about 40% by weight of the conventional cigarette paper/wrapper filler.

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18. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of claim 15, [[16 or 17,]] wherein the conventional cigarette paper/wrapper fibres are cellulosic fibres.

19. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of claim 16 [[or 17]], wherein the  
15 conventional cigarette paper/wrapper filler is selected from the group consisting of a ceramic, a clay, a binder and a sheet reinforcement material.

20. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of ~~any one of claims 1 to 19~~ claim 1 further  
20 comprising a conventional cigarette paper between the tobacco rod and the cigarette paper/wrapper.